



Caritas College
Port Augusta

School Fee Policy

Caritas College School Board

Rationale:

Animated by our Catholic faith and in partnership with families, our schools are communities which create opportunities for encountering life to the full – in all its personal, religious, political, ecological and cultural richness.

We value:

- *Openness to God's spirit at work in our midst*
- *All creation's interconnectedness*
- *Respect for the dignity of each person*
- *Commitment to processes of learning that are formative, challenging, engaging, life-long and life-wide*
- *Inclusivity of those at the edges*
- *Sensitivity, justice and compassion*

We create an educational environment which matters to students and their families and which resonates culturally and deeply for them. In each learning area, across the whole life of the school, and in partnership with families, each of us discovers in the Spirit, the love of God which is revealed in Jesus Christ, proclaimed by the Church, presented in the scriptures, celebrated in the sacraments and lived by all people of good will.

(Catholic Education SA Mission, Values and Vision statement)

At the heart of the Mission of Caritas College, in line with our ethos as a school founded by Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), we aim to provide accessible and inclusive Catholic education and to build dynamic partnerships with families, students and staff and the community so all are included and feel welcome.

School fees are required to supplement State and Commonwealth funding to assist Caritas College in resourcing education. School fees contribute approximately 25% of total school income, and are a critical element of providing quality Catholic education. Access to Catholic education at Caritas College is open to all families.

Responsibilities

The School Board will:

- Ensure fee processes and policies at school level are just, respectful, compassionate and transparent
- Determine school fees annually
- Exercise oversight through its Finance Committee of the fees processes, including procedures for collection of outstanding fees and review of its debtor situation with respect to fees
- Establish a clear understanding of who has responsibility for following through fee collection and for the granting of fee remissions.

The Principal will:

- Implement the Fees Policy thoroughly, appropriately, justly and respectfully
- Ensure details of families' financial circumstances remain confidential to those authorised to access the information
- Advise the School Board and school personnel of the underpinning values that always has to guide any interaction with families and policy decisions.

The signatory/ies to the enrolment contract will:

- Pay their fees in accordance with the Caritas College Fee Policy and the conditions of enrolment
- Be honest in interactions with the College regarding fees, and engage with the Principal should issues occur
- Respect the circumstances of other parents and carers in the school community.

References

SACCS Fees Policy 2006

[SACCS Fee Policy 2006](#)

Caritas College Vision and Mission

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Fee Structure and Schedule as it applies to Caritas College in any given year

[documents/school fee schedule](#)

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